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SUBJ: AD-70; DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR A FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL
ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES

REF: USNATO 1334

1. AT MAR 29 MEETING, AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES DISCUSSED EXPANDING SECTION ON FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC BASIS OF DEFENSE PLANNING IN SPRING 1974 AD-70 REPORT ON BASIS OF COUNTRY RESPONSES TO AC/281(DR)-N(73)2. CHAIRMAN (VARLEY) NOTED NINE COUNTRIES HAVE RESPONDED (EIGHT LISTED IN USNATO 1334, PLUS US), AND INDICATED IS WILL NOW BEGIN DRAFTING SECTION ON DEFENSE RESOURCES FOR 1974AD-70 REPORT. (NOTE: CANADA AND LUXEMBOURG DO NOT INTEND TO REPLY, GREECE AND PORTUGAL REPLIES ARE OUTSTANDING). WORKING GROUP IS TO REVIEW IS DRAFT ON DEFENSE RESOURCES PRIOR TO FORWARDING IT TO EWG. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM NETHERLANDS REP, CHAIRMAN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT TASK OF PREPARING A MEANINGFUL SECTION ON DEFENSE RESOURCES IS A DIFFICULT ONE BECAUSE OF LIMITED
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INFORMATION IN AND NON-COMPATIBILITY AMONG COUNTRY RESPONSES.

2. IS AD-70 EXPERT (KING-HARMAN) UNDERLINED STRONG INTEREST ON PART OF ASYG FOR DEFENSE PLANNING AND POLICY (HUMPHREYS)

TO PROVIDE MINS AT LEAST WITH A ROUGH IDEA OF WHERE DEFENSE EXPENDITURES ON MAJOR EQUIPMENT GO ON A FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL BASIS. KING-HARMAN ADDED THAT DELS HAD RECEIVED SHAPE INPUT FOR 1974 AD-70 SPRING REPORT (AC/281-REPORT(74)2, POUCH), WHICH IN HIS VIEW CORRESPONDS CLOSELY WITH SHAPE WORK ON NATO FORCE GOALS. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT DIRECTOR OF COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (MACBRIEN) IS PREPARING A REPORT ON COMMUNICATIONS, AND THAT ASYG FOR DEFENSE SUPPORT (TUCKER) IS PREPARING A REPORT, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL COVER ARMAMENTS COOPERATION AND LOGISTICS. KING-HARMAN SAID THAT IS INTENDED TO HAVE A FIRST DRAFT OF THE 1974 SPRING AD-70 REPORT READY FOR EWG CONSIDERATION IN LATE APRIL, BUT AD-70 ACTIVITY WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE A BACK SEAT TO FORCE PROPOSAL REVIEW UNTIL THE DPC ESTABLISHES 1975-80 NATO FORCE GOALS. TO FORESTALL FURTHER DELAY IN CONSIDERATION OF AD-70, MISSION INTENDS TO REQUEST TO EWG CHAIRMAN (PANS) TO CONVENE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER EASTER AN EWG MEETING TO START ON THE AD-70 SPRING REVIEW.

3. WORKING GROUP AGREED TO JUNE 20, 1974, AS TENTATIVE DATE FOR A MEETING OF NATIONAL EXPERTS TO EXPLORE DEVELOPMENT OF A QUESTIONNAIRE GIVING MORE DETAILED COVERAGE OF FUNCTIONAL DEFENSE EXPENDITURES FOR USE IN POST-1974 AD-70 REPORTS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM US REP, CHAIRMAN SAID AC/281(DR)-N (73)3 COULD SERVE TO INITIATE EXPERT DISCUSSION AND HE HOPED NATIONAL POSITIONS WOULD NOT BE SO RIGID AS TO PREVENT DEVELOPMENT OF A FORMAT USABLE BY ALL NATO COUNTRIES. WORKING GROUP OPTED FOR DATE IN JUNE SO EXPERTS COULD PROFIT FROM EXPERIENCE GAINED AND DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PREPARING FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC SECTION IN 1974 SPRING REPORT. RUMSFELD

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